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SUBJECT:

Payments for Psychological Testing to Diagnose Mental Retardation in Children and Adults

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SCOPE:

County MH/MR Administrators
Base Service Unit Directors
Community Residential MR Facility Directors

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Bulletin is to explain who pays for psychological testing to diagnose mental retardation in children and adults.

BACKGROUND:

Some counties were previously uncertain regarding payments for psychological testing (IQ and adaptive functioning tests) to diagnose mental retardation in children and adults.

DISCUSSION:

The attached Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services' (OMHSAS) Policy Clarification answers the questions about payments for psychological testing to diagnose mental retardation.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER